

‘Full’ base phone switch delays new requests

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Airmen arriving to Kunsan for an assignment can’t have telephone service activated in new or existing dormitory rooms until March because the base’s telephone switch is filled to maximum capacity.

Because the base’s telephone switch is at capacity, connecting additional lines in not possible, said Capt. Greg Kendrick, 8th Communications Squadron Mission Systems Flight commander.

Although some lines become available when airmen PCS out, they are reserved for mission-essential requirements and personnel, Kendrick said.

“We need to have a certain number of lines in reserve for arriving mission-essential personnel, such as commanders and chief master sergeants,” explained Kendrick, “That’s why, unfortunately, we can’t transfer any other lines right now.”

Although a new custom-built switch was ordered, there is no set date for delivery, according to Chief Master Sgt. Philip Turgeon, 8th CS Mission Systems Flight superintendent.

“We check (the delivery date) on a daily basis,” said Kendrick, “As soon as we know when it’s going to arrive, we’ll let people know.”

Until then, he said airmen can submit a new telephone service request at building 511 and be placed on a waiting list. When the new switch arrives, the 8th CS will begin installing new lines based on the date requests were submitted.

“We realize how frustrating this is for folks, and ask them to be patient. Once we’re able, we’ll work as fast as we can to install new lines,” Turgeon said.

To aid airmen until the new lines are installed, 8th Fighter Wing leadership will adjust communications rules.

“Until we get the new switch installed, we’ll have a more liberal policy for making morale calls from government phones and using computers to communicate with family and friends back home, so long as it doesn’t interfere with the mission,” said Chief Master Sgt. Steve Hutton, 8th Fighter Wing command chief.

“We just want everyone to know we’re doing everything we can to get the new switch up as fast as we can,” he said.

Theater reopens at alternate site

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Kunsan’s theater is closed for renovations until May; however, the Wolf Pack will again enjoy first-run movies starting tomorrow thanks to several base agencies’ efforts.

A section of the Seabreeze – Kunsan’s former enlisted and officer club, and current newcomers inprocessing site – will be designated the “Reel-Time Movie Theater.” It will be the theater until the original facility’s renovations are complete.

Realizing the importance that first-run movies play to the quality of life for the airmen stationed here, Col. Philip Breedlove, 8th Fighter Wing commander, pushed to find an alternate location to show films to troops. Several theater options were studied before the decision was made to use the Seabreeze, according to Anna Iosefo, Kunsan’s Army and Air Force Exchange Service manager.

“We had several ideas and locations in mind, including the old West Winds Golf Course clubhouse. But when it came down to it, we determined the Seabreeze was the best selection because of its location and size,” Iosefo said. “We realized a lot of work was needed, but we knew that with the help of the 8th (Civil Engineer Squadron) folks, it could be done, and done right.”

Working through the holidays and weekends, the 8th CES Facilities Maintenance Flight members made extensive renovations to the Seabreeze’s lounge area. They removed a 25-foot cocktail bar, constructed a film projection booth and replaced plumbing fixtures and electrical wiring. What’s more, they removed the 12-by-22 foot projection screen from the base theater and reinstalled it at the Seabreeze.

The project became priority one for the facility flight carpenters, plumbers and electricians, said the flight’s superintendent.

“I assigned 10 of my troops to the job and they responded the way they always



Photo by Senior Airman Sarayuth Pinthong, 8th CS/VI

Staff Sgt John McCain, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, cuts away old plumbing to make room for the construction of the projector booth at the Reel Time Movie Theater in the Seabreeze. The 150 seat alternate theater will be used until base theater renovations are completed in May.

do – with enthusiasm. They knew it was a quality-of-life issue for the entire base and was Col. Breedlove’s top priority,” said Tech. Sgt. Dennis Fuerstenberg.

The Wolf Pack commander elaborated on the theater’s quality-of-life importance here.

“The theater is one of our most used assets, especially during the winter months,” Breedlove said. “The base theater closed, yet we can still see recently released movies at an alternate site. With the 8th Services Squadron, 8th CES and

AAFES working together, they showed how the Wolf Pack overcomes any obstacle. I thank everyone for all the hard work. They all did an outstanding job, especially the CE troops.”

According to Breedlove, the facilities maintenance flight completed the job on time and below the estimated cost. The first showing at the “Reel-Time” is scheduled tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Moviegoers will have access to amenities at the Seabreeze, including popcorn, soda and candy.

Community offers airmen Kunsan City tour

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Kunsan City Hall offers a free tour of downtown to the Wolf Pack. The buses leave Monday at 1 p.m. from the Falcon Community Center.

Tour guides will conduct the “walking tour” of Kunsan City. The tour includes different shopping areas and American-style restaurants.

“Kunsan City Hall is providing us with the opportunity to learn about downtown and some of the alternative things to do there,” said Col. Philip Breedlove, 8th Fighter Wing commander. “The city has a lot to offer.”

The tour promotes the entertainment, shopping and dining opportunities available to the Kunsan Air Base populous that many airmen don’t know are available. The tour will also familiarize airmen with downtown Kunsan City and how to navigate from the bus stops to shopping and dining districts.

“We want to be able to show our folks that there are a lot

of great alternatives for things to do in the area besides going (America)-Town and Osan,” said 1st Lt. Kelly Cahalan, 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs deputy chief. “A lot of people haven’t had the chance to go out and explore Kunsan City, or when they do get out they’re not quite sure where to start. This will give people a good starting point.”

Cahalan said the response to the tour has been “overwhelming.”

“Not that I’m surprised, but within the first day we had over 30 people sign up.”

The tour concentrates mainly on Yonghwa-dong and Yongdong streets, both brimming with traditional Korean restaurants, American fast-food restaurants, nightclubs, and stores and shops that sell everything from electronic equipment to leather products to house wares and clothing.

Cahalan said the tour is full, however, individuals interested in participating in the tour can show up at the Falcon Community Center in case of no-shows or for space available.